

Key Health Indicators Committee Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2004
10:00am – 3:00pm
Wyndham Hotel, SeaTac, WA

Next Meeting Date / Time: Monday, April 5, 2004 10am - 3pm
Routine Meeting Place: Wyndham Hotel, SeaTac, WA
Co-Chairs: Ward Hinds, Snohomish Health District
Jude VanBuren, DOH

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, Bobbie Berkowitz, Joan Brewster, Maxine Hayes, Carrie McLachlan, Riley Peters, David Solet, Christie Spice, Art Starry, Juliet VanEenwyk, Lyndia Vold.

Others Present: Katrina Wynkoop Simmons

Members Absent: Marie Flake, Josh Jones, Heidi Keller, Suzanne Plemmons, Katherine Sanders

Staff: Donna Russell, DOH

AGENDA			SUMMARY
Time	Topic	Presenter/ Facilitator	Discussion, Actions, Follow-up, Comments
10:00	Welcome & Introductions		
10:15	Overview of BRFSS	Katrina Wynkoop Simmons	Katrina provided historical background and overview of BRFSS in Washington State, focusing on the questions relating to the Key Health Indicators. She informed the Committee that a Form C could be added to collect Report Card measures or a couple of minutes could be added to the current questionnaire. New questions are submitted to Katrina in July/August and a meeting occurs in September to debate/defend new questions. Christie and David provided a brief overview of Vista-PHW. A key feature of Vista is its ability to look at data at a sub-county level. This feature requires specialized denominator data, which are in the process of being updated. It is expected that the sub-county estimates will be available in June 2004. Jude provided a brief overview of Epi-QMS. Data are available at the state and county level. It uses vital statistic data available through the Center for Health Statistics to produce graphs, charts, etc.
11:00	Data Collection Tools	Christie Spice/David Solet	
		Jude VanBuren	
11:15	Indicators/Data Sources	Ward Hinds	Ward led the Committee through a discussion of each indicator using the KHI Comparison Matrix. The Committee suggested the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emotional Well-being: break out national BRFSS data to 14 or more days so it is comparable to WA. ▪ Add row under each indicator on the matrix for comments/limitations of data ▪ Still not clear what to measure for this indicator. Early childhood development is linked to health status in adults. Maxine suggested everyone get a copy of a journal article on this subject. ▪ Consider other indicators for EH that are more meaningful to the public. Suggestions included walkability, vector-borne diseases, solid waste and secondhand smoke exposure. Art Starry offered to take the discussion to the EH directors and bring back their comments to our next meeting.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicators should be consistent--currently they are written as either positive (# non-smokers) and as negative (# binge drinkers), which is confusing. Consider making domestic violence mandatory reporting instead of voluntary. Consider childhood obesity as an indicator because the rates are increasing drastically and there are good statewide and local data available (could then drill down to fruits and vegetables intake).
12:00	LUNCH		
12:30	Report Card	Jude VanBuren	<p>Jude facilitated a discussion on the Report Card. The Committee identified the following issues as being important:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the focus on indicators of health Begin thinking about how to measure each indicator How do we make the report card meaningful for communities and the public <p>A Workgroup will review the idea of targets, ranking and/or grading, consistency and provide a proposed format and suggestions to the full committee on how to make the indicators and report card meaningful.</p>
1:30	BREAK		
1:45	Action Guide	Ward Hinds	<p>Ward brought copies of the Community Guide and facilitated a discussion of the action guide. The Committee would like the guide to engage people and direct them to technical assistance. Some suggestions for the action guide include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frame key questions that encourage users to drill down Link people to local community assessment coordinators Provide "clickable" referrals to resources, including county-level data sources Provide interactive table that allows counties to compare to state/U.S
2:45	Next Steps	Jude VanBuren	<p>Donna will send out copies of the journal article recommended by Maxine (<i>The generational transmission of socioeconomic inequalities in child cognitive development and emotional health</i>) to committee members.</p> <p>A Report Card Workgroup comprised of Art Starry, Carrie McLachlan, and David Solet will consider the issues raised by the committee and will bring forward a proposal for a report card format.</p> <p>An Action Guide Workgroup comprised of Christie Spice and Riley Peters will propose the content and look of the website, including drafting the drill down questions and templates/tables that would be useful to communities.</p> <p>Donna will work with Juliet to improve the matrix.</p>
3:00	Adjourn		